Application No. 09/729,568 Reply to Office Action of March 22, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the

following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claim 1 is amended,

and Claims 3 and 5-13 are canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,634012 to Stefik; and Claim 3 was indicated as

including allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating that Claim 3 includes allowable subject

matter. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable features recited in

Claim 3. Therefore, pending Claims 1 and 2 are now in condition for allowance.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed

to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in

condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this

application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the

undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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